

From the President

by Pat Lierly

Time goes so fast! I can't believe May 17, the 15th anniversary of Legler Barn has come and gone. Thanks so much for your help and participation. We had many visitors who shared our interest in changes. There is much more to do.

We did our usual parking lot job for the Lenexa Barbecue and again this event brought many visitors to our Museum. This festival gives us an opportunity to help the city and earn needed money for the Historical Society to preserve those artifacts the correct way. Our director, **Kiersten Latham**, and interns are working on this project. Thanks to all those special LHS members who stayed out in that heat to park those cars. **The Miss Lenexa candidates were on duty grilling and selling hamburgers and working at the silent auction booth. Thank you to Lenexa businesses for donations to our silent auction.**

The Fourth of July parade has been a tradition with our family for many years. We drove our restored light blue 1963 Corvair convertible in the parade. This year, we were proud to promote the Lenexa Historical Society and the Legler Barn Museum as that place where we are "Seeking and Recording the Great Life of the Past for the Future." **Beryl Hennigh**, our Historian, continues to keep that going for us.

That brings us up to the Spinach & Trails Festival coming up September 12. Let's hope for perfect weather this year to celebrate Lenexa's heritage. We will need your help. Our wonderful Quilters have been busy finishing that famous Spinach Quilt to be given away. The weather September 12 should be perfect for a Spinach & Trails Festival. We will need help!

Thanks to those people who renewed their memberships and to those new members joining for the first time. We hope you will want to get involved. I will be calling you to see what your interests might be. Thank you for your support.

The third Sunday and third Tuesday of each month, LHS gives guided tours at the Lackman/Thompson House. Dates for July are the 19th and 21st, from 1:00 to 3:00. If you haven't seen this beautiful 1887 home, please plan to do so. Tell your friends.

I hope to see lots of you at our regular meeting July 28.

July Membership Meeting

When: Tuesday, July 28

Time: Pot-luck Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Sloppy joe sandwiches and drinks will be furnished by LHS.

Guests and friends are asked to bring salads, casseroles, and desserts to accompany the meal **PLEASE CALL IN YOUR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO 492-0038.**

Program: 7:30. "Indians That Shaped Early Days of Lenexa and Wyandotte County's Delaware and Wyandot Indians," presented by Charles Goslin.

Where: Grounds of Legler Barn Museum, 14907 W. 87th St. Pkwy. (87th and Lackman).

LHS members and friends will be privileged to hear Charles Goslin, retired Hallmark illustrator, student of archeology, and local Kansas and Missouri history, speak at the LHS General/Dinner meeting here on the grounds of the Museum.

Charles has become a well-known and prolific painter of historic events in both Kansas and Missouri. He received a degree in fine arts from the Kansas City Art Institute and School of Design in 1954. The following murals are among his many accomplishments:

- Shawnee Indian Mission at the Johnson County Museum of History, Shawnee
- Historic Mission, Mission, KS
- 1856 Sinking of the Arabia Steamboat at the Steamboat Arabia Museum, KCMO
- Historic Shawnee, Shawnee, KS City Hall
- Santa Fe in 1846, National Frontier Trails Center, Independence, MO
- Scott's Bluff-Oregon Trail, National Trails Frontier Center, Independence, MO

His most recent work is the nearly 10 X 22-foot mural at the Kansas State Historical Society's Hollenberg Station State Historic Site, Hanover, (Washington County) Kansas near the Nebraska line. He was chosen from 50 artists to depict this scene that includes a Pony Express rider, a wagon trail, travelers on the Oregon Trail, and cavalymen mounted on horseback. The mural employed models from the Hanover community and is entitled "A Parade of History on the Oregon Trail by Hollenberg Station."

Charles is bringing a new dimension to the history of our area in his golden years of retirement. He is a native of Columbia, Missouri. He and his wife, Liz, are currently residents of Edwardsville, Kansas.

Letter From Kiersten



*Kiersten Latham,
Legler Barn
Museum Director*

If you haven't already done so, you really should get up to the Barn (and Depot) and see the changes. Volunteers and staff dedicated many hours and many gallons of sweat to the new exhibits and these exhibits are something to be proud of! Now that the big stuff is done, we have begun the refinement stage where we go back and fix all the little mistakes or things we forgot. At the same time, we are working on the new permanent exhibits coming to the second floor of

the Barn and on the Rotating Exhibits.

Currently, we are proud to be the recipients of a wonderful exhibit done by a young lady from Prairie View High School in LaCygne, KS. Her exhibit, titled "Farewell to Erin: Post-Famine Migration of Ireland's Daughters," was put together for National History Day, a nationwide history contest for young people. You really must come and see what she has accomplished. It is a gratifying experience to see the passion for history through a 15-year-old.

Another project that continues is the design of our page on the Web, which was made possible through a grant from the KCMO School District. **Peggy Stanton**, our intern, has done a fabulous job on the design and she continues to update and add to it all the time. If you are interested, visit the site at www.kcdata.com/~lhs/ at your own computer, or come in to the Barn and we will bring it up on the internet for you to see.

What's Going On at the Barn?

The Barn now has space specially designed for visiting and temporary exhibits. We will keep you informed in each newsletter what the next exciting subject will be. Here is a near-complete schedule for 1998. Put it on your calendar and come see us!

Now through August 15:

Kansas Archaeology Week Exhibit:
Farewell to Erin: Post-Famine Migration of Ireland's Daughters

August 15 through September 30:

The Art of Grace Bilger, local scenes

October 2 through November 22:

From Far Away Russia: Russian Germans in Kansas, from the Kansas State Historical Society and Kansas Humanities Council.

Thank You For Your Donations

We'd like to thank the following people for your in-kind donations:

Elaine Pegram—doll quilt, doll clothing

Irv Hoffmann—Apple Laser Printer

Fry Wagner United Vanlines

Special thanks to **Sign-A-Rama** for all of their help with the new exhibits!

Volunteer Recognition

Volunteers who have put in sooooo much time at the Barn, we'd like to thank you! We aren't going to name them all here because we would surely run out of room. But everyone should know that we couldn't survive without the many hours of work done by these volunteers.

Passport a Success

Although we do not have an exact count, we

know for a fact that the Legler Barn Museum saw many new faces because of our participation in the Passport to Adventure Hunt. The Grand Prizes were doled out in mid-June. However, that doesn't mean the Hunt is over! **We are still giving away Passport booklets FREE at the Barn. If you need a summer family activity, come and pick one up.** The booklets are good for one year at all the interpretive sites who are participating.

Make a Difference

As you are aware, the Barn is undergoing serious efforts to preserve our cultural heritage by implementing the **Preservation Storage facilities**. These facilities are meant to maintain a climate controlled, product-safe environment for our artifacts. **One storage receptacle we desperately need is a flat file cabinet.** These cabinets are specially made to provide a stable environment for our large, flat paper documents (of which we have many!). The problem we face is that these files are expensive, ranging from \$800 to \$1500 each. We only need one, but we need help to buy one. If you are interested in making this type of contribution to the museum, please call Kiersten at the Barn. The donation is tax deductible.

Tuesday Volunteer Needed

The Barn needs someone to sit at the front desk and greet visitors, answer the phones, help with mailings and other miscellaneous front desk things. If you can work between the hours of 10 and 4 (especially from 10-2) on a regular basis, please call Kiersten to arrange a date.

Wish Wish Wish List



The museum needs all kinds of items and maybe you can help. Check your garage and attics for items below. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

- Tapes of historic, American folk music (i.e. Civil War music)
- Children's small wooden table

- Stove top covers
- Clean mattress pads

And we need these services:

- Carpenter or cabinetmaker
- All-around fix-it person

Call the Legler Barn Museum for specific details about these items and services.

Plant Sale chairwoman **Bernie McNichols** would like to thank everyone who helped with the Plant Sale fundraiser in May. LHS cleared \$1,870. Special thanks goes to **Bernie's son, Brian**, who was most helpful in setting up and breaking down the plant displays, and to **Fry Wagner** for the loan of a tractor trailer to store the plants in.

UPCOMING LHS EVENTS

**SPINACH & TRAILS FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 12 (INCORRECTLY REPORTED AS
THE 19TH IN LAST MONTH'S ISSUE)**

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:
SEPTEMBER 22**

**NEXT BARN TALK DEADLINE:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

Spinach & Trails Festival September 12

Big plans are under way by the various special committees for the 1998 Spinach & Trails Festival. Many arts and crafts booths have been paid for, but registration is considerably down from last year. Because of that, the deadline for applications has been extended. Interested crafters can call the Barn for an application, or **Bernie McNichols** at 764-4033.

There will be many events to enjoy, foods to feast on, and Christmas shoppers will find lots of gift choices.

This is an important fundraiser for LHS. All of our members, friends, and families are cordially invited to spend the day and their dollars, too. Hours are 9:00 to 6:00. The rain date is September 13.

Spinach Café Features 7 Yummie Choices

LHS is again sponsoring the Spinach Garden Café at the S&T Festival. **Rita DeBrabander** and her committee will be offering Spinach Potato Toppers, Spinach Tortilla Rollups, Hot Spinach Dip, Cold Spinach Dip, Spinach Balls, Spinach Salad with Grapefruit and Pears, and Spinach Pizza from The Pizzamaker. Drinks will be iced tea and Popeye Lime Fizzle.

LB Quilters Create "Floral Fantasy" for S&TF

by Thelma Moyer, Co-chair of the LB Quilters

"Floral Fantasy," a cross-stitched quilt bordered in blue, pink, and yellow is the LB Quilter's proud creation for the 1998 S&TF. The white quilt with its sparkling, colorful design is a real eye-popper and we know it will be a popular choice.

Our tickets are \$1 each and six for \$5, and will be mailed to all members soon. We always appreciate the support given us.

All our ticket money is used to support the Barn and its proposed building plan. Nineteen quilters have contributed hundreds of hours and much delicate skill to create this year's beauty.

We have been invited to do a quilting demonstration at the JOCO Museum of History during their fall show of Civil War quilts. Watch for us there on a Saturday afternoon between September 17 and November 30.

Barn Needs Sunday Volunteers

by Katie Evans, Board Member

Our president, Pat Lierly, has been shouldering an unfair part of the responsibility for attending the Barn on Sundays. She has done it nearly every Sunday since the first of the year. I'm sure none of our members expects our president to be solely burdened with this responsibility week after week.

I'd like to ask all our members to please consider volunteering to be Sunday hosts at least once a year. (If every member did this, our problem would be solved!) The Barn is open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 on Sundays, so it won't interfere with going to church, Sunday brunch, or evening plans. It's not hard, in fact, it's fun. A short list of duties, and numbers to call in case you need help are provided for you at the front desk.

Host duties include greeting visitors, taking money for gift shop sales, and just keeping an eye on things in general. If the phone rings, it's usually someone asking whether or not the Barn is open, and the hours.

It's nice to hear visitors comment on how nice the exhibits look, or how much they enjoyed coming. It's gratifying that our efforts are appreciated!

Don't let operating the security system worry you. It's not difficult.

In winter, Sundays are usually pretty slow, so bring a book or something to do. In nicer weather, you may be busy with visitors the whole time. In any case, three hours goes by pretty fast.

It is my personal philosophy that, by joining an organization, I have pledged a certain amount of my time to its operation. Volunteering for LHS, a non-profit organization, could also count as community service for those who feel they would like to do more, but don't have time.

We also have our contract to consider. We have committed ourselves to being open on Sundays, and if we don't fulfill that, our funding is in jeopardy.

From time to time, a few members have agreed to Sunday host on a regular basis. But that isn't the case now, and we need your help. Won't you please volunteer to host one Sunday in the coming months? It would be most appreciated by all our members, not just our president. To schedule a date, please call Pat at 888-5645. THANK YOU!

Miss Lenexa Crowned July 4

Jennifer Bowen was crowned Miss Lenexa at Lenexa's July 4th celebration. The other candidates were: first runner-up, **Natasha VanDyke**; second runner-up, Erin Bender; runners-up, **Dina Cannavo and Ashley Kaczrowski**.

The candidates earned over \$300 for LHS through the silent auction and by selling hamburgers at the Lenexa Barbecue. Thanks to the five girls and Irv Hoffman for all their hard work on behalf of LHS.



1998 Miss Lenexa, Jennifer Bowen.

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